REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-44 are pending. By this response, Applicant elects claims 1-12 and 25-38 for consideration. Claims 13-24 are withdrawn.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u>, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140 under Order No. PTB-4750-23.

Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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